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Timmonsville—R. T. Sellers, J. H. Ratliff.
White Oak—R. C. Cox, C. H. Diggs, W. Y. Henson.

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PROCEEDINGS.

MORVEN, N. C., Route No. 2, Oct. 16, 1913.

Pursuant to adjournment of the previous session held with the Deep Creek Baptist Church. Route No. 2, Wadesboro, N. C., the Zion Missionary Baptist Association met in its forty-first annual session with the Sandy Ridge Baptist Church of this place to-day, Rev. Joseph Ratliff presiding.

Rev. W. K. Bennett, accompanied by Rev. J. T. Ratliff, took seat in the rostrum to preach the introductory sermon. Rev. Ratliff lined hymn No. 531 C. M., "In all my Lord's appointed way," etc. Rev. Bennett read the Scriptures. Prayer by Rev. R. Diggs. Second selection No. 555, "How beauteous are their feet," etc. Rev. Bennett arose and announced his subject, "A Christian's Walk." The sermon was fraught with many characteristics, describing how a Christian should walk—such as walk honestly, walk circumspectly, walk by faith, walk with Him till the end. Collection $5.00.

Doxology and benediction by Rev. B. B. Sturdivant.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional service was conducted by Bro. G. R. West as follows: "Amazing sight the Saviour stands," etc., was

sung; prayer by Rev. J. C. Ellerbee. "Come we that love the Lord," etc., was sung, after which Bro. Carlyle Leak led in prayer.

The moderator made some timely remarks and announced the house ready for business.

Rev. J. C. Ellerbee was called to the chair to fill the vacancy caused by the moderator having to go out with the Board.

The roll of churches were called, letters read and names of delegates enrolled. (See roll.)

An invitation was extended to visitors, to which Rev. N. Bell, of the Presbyterian church, Morven, N. C.; Rev. S. C. Waddell, Bro. Henry Smith, of the A. M. E. Zion Church, Morven, N. C., and Rev. J. J. Hines, of the Pee Dee Association, Shannon, N. C., all came forward and were made welcome. All the brethren made remarks.

On motion we organize. (See roll of Officers.)

On motion we have service to-night and allow Rev. J. J. Hines to preach and Rev. J. C. Ellerbee alternate. Collection $2.00. Benediction by Rev. J. C. Ellerbee.

NIGHT SESSION.

Sharply at 8:00 o'clock the Association reassembled and the praise services were conducted by Bro. G. R. West and Rev. John N. Bennett.

Revs. J. J. Hines, J. C. Ellerbee and J. S. Brown took seats in the stand. Rev. Ellerbee lined hymn No. 299 C. M. Rev. Brown read the eighth division of the Psalms. Prayer by Rev. J. B. Bryant. Second hymn No. 229 S. M. After being introduced Rev. Hines preached a very helpful sermon from the subject, "Near Christ." Text, 1st Cor. 3:23. Among the many thoughts advanced the speaker emphasized that we belong to God and not to ourselves. After the close of the sermon we were led to a throne of grace by Rev. S. C. Waddell. Collection $7.25.

Rev. Hines spoke in the interest of his paper, The Southern Watchman, published at Hamlet, N. C. Benediction by Rev. J. J. Hines.

SECOND DAY— MORNING SESSION.

At 10 o'clock the Association assembled with the vice-moderator presiding. Devotionals were conducted at follows: Rev. Coer, of the Pee Dee Association, lined hymn No. 582 C M. Prayer by Bro. E. Ponds; reading the Scriptures from the first division of the Psalms.

"Jesus thou art the sinners' friend," etc., was sung and stead of Tuesday.
prayer by Rev. Sturdivant.

The house being announced ready for business, the minutes of the previous sessions were read and adopted.

Rev. J. Ratliff, as pastor of the church, came forward and made the welcome address. He said in part that he was "glad to greet us in our forty-first annual session for many reasons. One because we are representatives of God's cause, and we want you here to help us anyway."

Rev. S. C. Waddell, for the Methodists in the community, spoke words of welcome and assuring us that he and his people were with us for all that is right and good and to hold up this old Baptist flag till all the world will hear the gospel to repent, believe and be baptized. Rev. Hines made the speech of acceptance.

One verse of "There is not a friend like the lowly Jesus" was sung. An invitation was extended to visiting brethren. Rev. J. S. Brown and, —— Coer of the Pee Dee Association, were recognized and given seats in the Association. Rev. Coer was the fraternal delegate. He spoke greetings, telling of the good things they were endeavoring to accomplish. Rev. Brown made remarks.

The various committees were appointed.

On motion Rev. J. S. Brown to preach this afternoon, Rev. W. H. Horne alternate. Collection $11.00. Praise God from whom all blessings flow, etc was sung. Benediction by Rev. R. Diggs.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called together by singing "I heard the voice of Jesus say." Prayer by Rev. James Horne.' Owing to the rush of business, preaching was postponed.

The house was announced ready for business. The Executive Board reported. (See report.) Report adopted.

Corresponding Secretary made report. Rreport received.

On motion the last half hour before noon to-morrow be given to Rev. Davis to represent the Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, and tha the collection raised at that hour be given to missions.

On motion Rev. A. D. Marshall's name be added to the Executive Board.

On motion the Board be ordered to prepare a separate programme for the next session of the Association and distribute same in ample time.

Revs. W. K. Bennett and H. I. Quick were granted leave

of absence.

On motion Rev. W. L. Butler to preach to-night, Rev. J. N. Bennett alternate. Collection $1.00. Benediction by Rev. J. C. Ellerbee.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Association reassembled and Bros. G. R. West and J. J. Carraway were asked to conduct the devotional. Singing a selection; prayer by Bro. I. S. A. Hilliard. Second selection "I heard the voice of Jesus say," etc; prayer by Rev. R. Diggs.

Revs. J. N. Bennett and W. L. Butler ascended the rostrum. Rev. Bennett introduced the preaching service by reading hymn No. 917 C. M., "There we adore His eternal name," etc. Prayer by Rev. P. R. Tyson. Second hymn No. 930 L. M., "The hour of our departure has come," etc. Rev. Butler came to us with a message from the Lord, text 2nd Kings 5:13, "Wash and be made clean." The speaker said in part: "God wants us to wash and be made clean. To wash we must obey. God said we must wash in faith; wash in prayer." The sermon was delivered with earnest demonstration.

Prayer by Rev. J. B. Bryant. Song: "I'll be present when the roll is called," etc. A collection of $14.20.

At this point Rev. P. R. Tyson, of the Philadelphia-Yadkin Association came forward and spoke words of encouragement. Doxology. Benediction by Rev. W. P. Perkins.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association assembled, the moderator presiding.

Praise services were conducted by Rev. A. D. Marshall and Bro. Horace Staton. Prayers were offered by Revs. J. B. Bryant and J. N. Bennett.

The house being announced ready for business, the minutes of yesterday and last night were read and approved.

On motion the proceedings of Wednesday night, Preachers' and Deacons' Union, be published in our minutes at its expense.

Prof. J. R. Faison made full report of school work at Zion Academy for the year ending last May.

On motion report bfe received and adopted.

Committee on Place reported favorable for Meltonsville the next place for holding the next Association, but the house changed the report favorable to Nicy Grove.

Rev. J. F. Davis, missionary for this section of the

State, came forward and spoke of efforts that are being put forth, and the great needs of the Educational and Missionary Convention of North Carolina. Collection for missions $17.02.

A letter from Rev. E. H. Horne was read. On motion we accept it and contents and extend him our appreciation.

Motion to adjourn. Benediction by Rev. R. Diggs.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled and was called to order by singing S. M. hymn. Prayer by Bro. J. C. Cason. Singing, "I want to be thy child," etc., after which the house was announced ready for business.

The finance Committee made report. Report adopted. (See report.)

On motion Rev. B. B. Sturdivant was elected treasurer

On motion the Constitution be so changed as to say we meet on Tuesday instead of Thursday.

Trustee Board reported with recommendations. Report tabled.

Committee on Obituary reported. "See report.

On motion Rev. J. F. Davis to preach the missionary sermon to-morrow, Rev. A. D. Marshall alternate.

On motion Rev. B. B. Sturdivant preach the introductory sermon at the next Association, Rev. J. E. P. Little alternate.

On motion Rev. W. H. Horne preach the introductory sermon at the next Union meeting, Bro. G. T. Tanner alternate.

On motion Rev. J. F. Davis go as a delegate to the M. and E. Convention at Rocky Mount, N. C. Benediction by the moderator.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association assembled with Moderator J. F. Davis presiding.

Bro. G. W. Baucom conducted the praise service as follows: "O for a thousand tongues to sing," etc was sung. Prayer by Bro. S. H. Rogers.

Vice-Moderator in the chair and announced the house ready for business. Minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

On motion to change the Constitution in yesterday's procedings be amended to say we meet on Wedensday in-

On motion the proposition offered by the Trustee Board to borow money to equip the plant at Zion Academy be submitted to the Union meeting.

On motion we return a vote of thanks to Sandy Ridge Church, Streator Grove Methodist Church, pastor and community at large for their kind hospitality during our stay.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Nicy Grove Church next year.

MISSIONARY SERVICE.

Rev. A. D. Marshall introduced this service by reading hymn No. 800 L. M., "Go preach my gospel, saith the Lord," etc. Rev. Davis read the Scriptures from Rev. 1st chap.; prayer by Rev. J. T. Ratliff. Second selection No. 507 C. M., "I heard the voice of Jesus say," etc.

Rev. Davis preached a soul-reviving missionary sermon from the text: "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the churches; to him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God." Rev. 2:7.

The speaker said in part: "As long as the church is together there is nothing that can prevail against her. Be thou faithful and fear nothing for the God of heaven is our God." The speaker spoke with demonstration and power. Rev. Marshall closed by singing hymn No. 410 C. M. Prayer by Rev. B. J. Parsons.

Committee on Ways and Means reported. (See report.) Benediction by Rev. J. F. Davis.

REV. J. RATLIFF, Moderator.
A. L. LEAK, Secretary.

APPENDIX.

MINISTERS' AND DEACONS' INSTITUTES.

MORVEN, N. C., October 15, 1913.

The first session of the Institute was held on the above date with the Sandy Ridge Baptist Church. We praise God to C. M. Rev. W. K. Bennett read the 133 Psalm. Rev. J. Ratliff gave some preliminary remarks, after which we proceeded to permanent organization by electing Rev. J. E. P. Little moderator, J. T. Ratliff secretary, Bro. Shade Henry treasurer.

First subject: "The relation of the ministers to the objects of the field." Rev. J. J. Hines opened the discussion and emphasized this central thought, "that each one should labor to meet the demands of the field." Many others responded but all agreed with the first speaker.

Second subject: "Some of the ways a busy pastor may better prepare himself for his profession," discussed by the body. Some of the ways suggested were : "By sitting at Jesus' feet; by studying when you stop. Study systematically. Mingle with stronger bodies. By living an ideal life."

The meeting was helpful and strengthening. Adjourned to meet one day prior to the meeting of the Association. Collection 1.56. Benediction by Rev. W. L. Butler.

REV. J. E. P. LITTLE, Moderator.
REV. J. T. RATLIFF, Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

MORVEN, N. C., October 16, 1913.

Below is a report of the Union meetings and the work of the Board:

We held two Unions this year, one at Parson's Grove in December and one at Shankle Grove in March. Both services were very successful. The officers for the Union meeting were: Rev. B. J. Parsons, moderator, Rev. J. T. Ratliff secretary and Bro A. L. Leak treasurer.

The churches reported as follows:

	Dec.	Mch.	Total
Bethel	$ 1.00	$ 1.25	$ 2.25
Brown Creek	3.00	2.00	5.00
Cedar Creek	1.10	1.25	2.35
Chilson Grove	1.25	1.20	2.45
Deep Creek	2.00	5.00	7.00
Ebenezer	.200	2.00	4.00
Elizabeth, M.		1.00	1.00
Elizabeth, P. D.		3.00	3.00
Flint Ridge	4.00	2.00	6.00
Long Pine	1.25		1.25
Madison Grove	2.00	2.00	4.00
Meltonsville		6.00	6.00
Mt. Zion	2.00	2.25	4.25
New Zion	1.25	2.25	3.50
Nicy Grove	1.00	2.50	3.50
Parsons Grove	1.50	3.50	5.00
Pleasant Hill	1.00	1.00	2.00
Poplar Hill	1.00	2.75	3.75
Poplar Springs	1.00	1.00	2.00
Ramah Grove	1.50	2.00	3.50
Rockford, E.	2.50	3.50	5.50
Rockford, W.	1.50		1.50
Sandy Ridge	2.00	3.00	5.00
Saron		2.50	2.50
Shankle Grove	1.00	1.50	2.50
Timmonsville	1.00	2.50	3.50
White Oak	1.25	1.50	2.75
Public Collection	15.01	19.14	34.15
Mrs. Julia Leak	1.42		1.42
Mrs. A. M. Ratliff	1.72		1.72
Miss I. D. Shadd		1.00	1.00
Total	$ 55.65	$ 78.59	$134.24

DISBURSEMENTS

To moderator for services	$ 2.25
To clerk for services	2.75
To sexton for services	1.00
To John and Minnie Litle, assisssisting a sick brother	1.25
To Rev. J. Ratliff, donation	4.70
To Parsons Grove Church	1.00
To Pleasant Hill Church	1.00
To Bank of Wadesboro for overdrawn check	4.24
To A. L. Leak, expenses on Association minutes	1.52

To B. F. Tillman for wood at Zion Academy	11.00
To Rev. R. Digs, donation	1.00
To Shankle Grove Church	1.00
To Cor. Sec. for postage	.30
To Rev. J. F. Davis for missions	2.10
Turned over to Trustee Board	42.53
Balance in Treasury	2.00
Total	$134.64

The Board was called to Monroe May 29th to hear complaints of Rev. R. Allen against Elizabeth Church. The Board listened to statements made by Rev. Allen, substantiated by Rev. J. Simons and Bro. S. M. Chapel. Not having a representative from the church, the Board advised that the matter be tabled with both the church and Board until the Association, there to be heard, both parties face to face. In consequence of the church excluding Rev. Allen on June 9th, the Board published an article in the papers for his defense. Later on the facts were revealed to the Board that the church was justified in excluding Rev. Allen for the charge preferred against him. The Board hastened to check its error by advising Rev. Allen to go to his church and seek a reconciliation.

The Board was called together, Rev. B. J. Parsons presiding. After hearing statement from Rev. Allen concerning his joining the Yadkin and Philadelphia Association. Elizabeth Church made statements concerning the excommunication of Rev. Allen. After listening to a counter statement by Bro. Allen, by motion the Board rescended its action done at Monroe May 29th.

In view of the fact that Rev. Allen is a man of very high standing and a minister of no mean ability, and desiring at the same time to save him from the loss of influence and power in the prosecution of his work, the Board in its action pray the Elizabeth Church to have a reconsideration of its action and allow a delegation from the Board to sit in council with them.

The Board also recommend that the Association pay $2.00 per month for four months on Queen Esther Coppege's school bill in Zion Academy.

The case of Rev. J. W. Diggs came before the Board. After evidences of the rumors and of his standing in his church, we recommend that his name does not appear on minutes of Zion Association.

The Board furthermore places its hearty endorsement on the work of our Corresponding Secretary in so faithfully keeping the work of our Association before the churches.

We further recommend that the next Union meeting be held with the New Zion Church, Peachland, N. C., beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in November.

Also Saturday morning's session be held in honor of the fortieth anniversary of the Zion Association, and that the finance raised in that service be given to weak churches to increase their efficiency and for the erection of more suitable buildings.

Further, we recommend that all the brethren who came to the Association for the purpose of examination and ordination meet the Board at New Zion in the Union meeting for the same purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.
REV. B. J. PARSONS, Chm.
REV. J. F. DAVIS, Sec.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON WAYS AND MEANS.

Whereas the primary object of the Association as laid down in the Constitution, Art. 2, viz.: "To support the gospel in destitute places among us; to assist feeble churches in erection of suitable buildings for worship; to raise contributions for Home, State and Foreign Missions," has almost died out in our field because they have not received the financial support of the Association; and, whereas, the means raised by the Association has not been sufficient to give the proper support to the above-named objects, we ask that each church pay twenty-five cents per capita for each of its members.

2nd. That the Corresponding Secretary shall imform the churches by letter naming the amount each church shall pay, and visit the churches, beginning at the close of the forty-first annual meeting.

3rd. That the principal of Zion Academy be impowered to visit the churches of the field to solicit means and conduct rallies to help defray the expenses of Zion Academy.

Respectfully submitted, COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON OBITUARY.

We, your Committee on Obituary, beg leave to submit the following report:

As it has pleased Almighty God in His unerring providence to take from our midst the souls of the following brethren and sisters since our last Association, we bow with reverence to Him who doeth all things well. And while we extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved families and churches from whence those souls have gone, we commend them also to Him who doeth all things well, viz:

Rockwell, W.—Iben Phillips, Jasper Phillips.

Deep Creek—Rev. C. M Meadows, Hannah Gordon, Jane McGreggor.

Poplar Springs—Florence Tyson.

Ramah Grove—A. M. Hough, Eliza Sturdivant.

Shankle Grove—John Dunlap.

Brown Creek—Ransom Sturdivant.

Meltonsville—N. H. Huntley, Bessie Horne, Lula Horne.

New Zion—Mary Lockhart.

Timmonsville—Lucinda Jackson.

Parsons Grove—Delia Hailey.

White Oak—Maggie Pratt, Millie Bennett.

New Grove—E. O. McLendon, Ebin Buchanan.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Bethel	$ 2.00	$	$	$	$	$	$
Brown Creek	7.25						
Cedar Creek	2.15	.25		.50			.25
Chilson Grove	1.71	.50	.25				.45
Deep Creek	21.30						10.00
Ebenezer	1.40				.50	.50	1.85
Elizabeth, M.	6.25	.50		.50	.50	.30	.50
Elizabeth, P. D.							
Flint Ridge	6.95	1.00					9.00
Long Pine	2.25		.40				
Madison Grove	4.10	1.00	.50	.50	1.00		4.80
Meltonsville	23.35						6.7?
McLain Grove	2.75					.50	2.75
Mt. Zion	2.55	.25		.25	.25	.25	3.00
New Zion	3.20	1.00	.50				5.60
New Grove	5.00	.25		.25	.25	.25	8.25
Nicy Grove	5.40						7.00
Olive Branch	.95					.50	.36
Parsons Grove	20.00			.50			.50
Pleasant Hill	1.55						.50
Poplar Hill	4.35	.50	.50		.25	.50	.25
Poplar Springs	8.70						8.00
Ramah Grove	8.50						5.00
Rockford, E.	8.60			.50		1.00	2.00
Rockford, W.	9.45						6.07
Sandy Ridge	5.95	1.00	1.00		1.00	1.00	7.60
Saron	3.49						4.00

Received on Representing Fee							$182.40
Shankle Grove	2.75						
Timmonsville	5.90	.50	.50	.25		.25	.50
White Oak	4.65	.25		.50			.50
Received on State Missions							24.02
Received on Foreign Missions							3.65
Received on Home Missions							3.75
Received on Ministerial Education							3.75
Received for Aged Ministers							3.25
Received for Local Education							103.48
Received by Public Collections							71.30
Total							$397.60

REPORT ON APPROPRIATIONS.

To Clerk for service	$15.00
To printing Minutes and expenses	30.00
To Corresponding Secretary for service	8.50
To Sexton for service	2.00
To J. F. Davis, Western Missions	3.75
To J. F. Davis, Foreign Missions	3.65
To J. F. Davis, State Missions	24.02
To J. F. Davis, Delegate Expenses	13.00
To Moderator for service	1.50
To Aged Ministers—Rev. J. Ratliff	1.00
Rev. R. Diggs	1.25
Rev. J. N. Bennett	1.00
Bro. G. W. Richardson	2.00
To Olive Branch Church donation	1.50
To Printing S. S. C. Minutes and expenses	23.35
To J. R. Faison on Teachers' Salary at Zion Academy	175.00
To Finance Committee's service	7.00
To Deacon W. Y. Henson, donation	1.50
Total	$298.00

RECAPITULATION OF REPORT.

Number of Churches reported, 29; number not reported, 3.

Number of ordained ministers, 33.

Added to the Churches—By baptism, 187; by letter, 45; by experience, 23; by restoration, 49; total, 306.

Loss from Churches—By dismission, 33; by death, 37; by exclusion, 139; total, 209. Net gain, 97.

Membership, 3,691.

Churches expenses, including pastors' salary	$5,114.89
Contributed to Poor	166.45
Given to Missions	168.74
Given to Aged Ministers	58.80
Given to Education	533.30
Miscellaneous	372.54
Total Contributions and Expenses	$6,414.62
Value of Church Property	$27,615.00
Value of School Property	$7,100.00

The Board advised that no church would call a pastor from another field without first examining his licenses and also a recommendation from the church of which he is a member.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Moderator shall fill the chair and preserve decorum in the Association. Of him punctuality and vigilance are particularly required. He shall open and close the Association with prayer to God or call upon some brother to perform the service. He shall appoint committees with the sanction of the Association, explain questions, administer reproof and decide questions between contending claims. He may require motions to be presented in written form whenever he deems it necessary.

2. The Clerk shall enroll the names of the members; minute the proceedings of the body and discharge such duties as belong to a recording secretary.

3. The members of the Association shall observe the respect to the officers and each other which becometh those who reverence that Great Being whose cause they should labor to promote. All invectives should be carefully avoided while speaking, and those who are speaking should refrain from all such indecorous conduct that is calculated to throw odium on the speaker or to interrupt his chain of thought or feeling, or in any way disturb the peace of the Association. No person may withdraw from the Association without permission from the Moderator. Let all things be done decently and in order.

4. No member of a committee shall be considered in order who, while said committee's report is under discussion by the house, shall take the negative view of the majority of his committee.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Zion Missionary Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The primary object of this Association shall be to increase the spirit and efficiency of churches, to support the Gospel in destitute places among us; to assist the churches in the erection of suitable buildings for worship; to organize churches and Sunday schools wherever practicable; to raise contributions for State, Home and Foreign

Missions, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in all parts of its plans of educational and missionary work.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of regular Baptist Churches in good standing, and in full practice of the faith, discipline, ordinance, and of the doctrines of the regular Baptist denomination. Also of the regular ministers in good standing in churches in the bounds of this Association, and delegates elected annually by the churches of this body.

Art. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer, Auditor, and an Executive Board, of which the Moderator shall be a member ex-officio. These officers shall be elected annually,and serve until their successors are elected.

Art. 5. The members convened in this Association shall have no ecclesiastical or disciplinary power over the churches.

Art. 6. New constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other deliberative bodies of the same faith and order, may be admitted into the Association by sending their messengers to an annual meeting, with petition by letter, and agreeing to the declaration of principles laid down in God's Word.

Art. 7. Any regular Baptist Church may continue its membership in this Association by the payment of five cents per capita for each of its members, two cents of which shall be used as Associational fund, and three cents for education, and by raising money for missions.

Art. 8. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings or call some brother to fill the chair and enforce order in accordance with the Constitution and Rules of Order. He shall settle points of order, give the casting vote in case of a tie, and appoint all committees, unless otherwise ordered by the body. The clerk and other officers shall perform the usual duties of such officers.

Art. 9. The Executive Board shall have the supervision of the ecclesiastical department of the Association. They shall from time to time appoint the time and place of the Union Meetings, and employ such means as will most efficiently and effectively carry out the objects of the Association. All contributions collected in such meeting shall, at the direction of the Board, be appropriated to the de-

same to the Association.
sign of the Association. They shall make full report of the

Art. 10. The Treasurer shall hold all moneys and valuable notes belonging to the Association, and shall pay all orders out of the same drawn on by the Association, signed by the Moderator and Recording Secretary. He shall hold his office until the last day of the sitting of the Association, when he, together with all other officers, shall be re-elected or another in his stead, and shall give bond to the full security of the Association's property in hand.

Art. 11. The Association shall meet annually and be composed of not more than three delegates from each church, with a letter giving the condition of the church. Said meeting to convene on Wednesday before the third Lord's Day in October, at 11 o'clock A. M., with an introductory sermon, and continue until the business is completed.

Art. 12. No difficulty between churches, or church, shall be heard by this Association until Gospel steps have been fully taken outside of this body to settle the difficulty.

Art. 13. Any church a member of this body, that is corrupt in practice or doctrine, after Gospel steps have been taken to reclaim it, and it persists in its course, shall no longer be a member of this body, and the reason in full shall be published in the minutes. Any church failing to represent by letter or delegate two successive years, shall be visited by suitable admonitions, and if it neglect to represent the third year, it shall be dropped from this Association.

Art. 14. All visiting ministers shall be welcomed to seats among us but not allowed to take part in our vote.

Art. 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES FOR 1914.

Bethel—J. V. Kendall, Norwood, N. C.
Brown Creek—R. H. Diggs, Route 1, Wadesboro, N. C.
Cedar Creek—Wm. Huntley, Route 2, Wadesboro, N. C.
Chilson Grove—James Diggs, Lilesville, N. C.
Deep Creek—J. P. Huntley, Route 1, White Store, N. C.
Ebenezer—Mrs. Della Boggan, Wadesboro, N. C.
Elizabeth, M.—J. Q. Robinson, Monroe, N. C.
Elizabeth, P. D.—E. M. Ratliff, Pee Dee, N. C.
Flint Ridge—O. L. Tanner, Route 1, Marshville, N. C.
Friendship—
Long Pine—J. A. Crwder, Route 1, White Store, N. C.

Madison Grove—A. L. Leak, Route 2, Wadesboro, N. C.
Meltonsville—K. D. Crowder, Route 1, White Store, N. C.
McLain Grove—S. M. Conrad, Route 1, McFarlan, N. C.
Mt. Zion—Frank Sturdivant, Polkton, N. C.
New Zion—J. R. Alsobrooks, Peachland, N. C.
New Grove—M. P. Bennett, Route 1, Polkton, N. C.
Nicy Grove—G. W. Ashcraft, Route 2, Wingate, N. C.
Olive Branch—A. D. Sturdivant, Route 1, Peachland, N. C.
Parsons Grove—A. D. Byrd, Lilesville, N. C.
Pleasant Hill—A. B. Moore, Route 1, Morven, N. C.
Poplar Hill—T. J. Tillman, Route 1, White Store, N. C.
Poplar Springs—W. E. Davis, Route 2, Polkton, N. C.
Ramah Grove—Q. S. Sturdivant, Route 1, Morven, N. C.
Rockford, E.—S. S. Bennett, Wadesboro, N. C.
Rockford, W.—W. M. Dean, Wadesboro, N. C.
Sandy Ridge—M. P. Warring, Route 2, Morven, N. C.
St. Paul—_____
Shankle Grove—A. D. Davis, Norwood, N. C.
Timmonsville—F. K. Sellers, Ruby, S. C.
White Oak—R. C. Cox, Morven, N. C.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Incidental Expenses	Building and Repairs	Representin Fee	Poor	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Ministerial Education	Aged Ministers	Local Education	Other Objects	Contribution and Expenses	Amount Sent	Value of Church Property
Bethel	$100.00	$ 7.73	$25.00	$ 2.00	$ 2.50	$ 1.00	$ .60	$ .50	$	$ 2.50	$ 2.50	$	114.83	$ 2.25	$500.00
Brown Creek	100.00			7.25	5.05					1.00	13.00	10.50	136.70		
Cedar Creek	60.00	2.00	80.53	2.15	1.00	.25		.50			2.60	2.00	151.03	3.15	1500.00
Chilson Grove	51.67	.25	72.50	1.75	.90	.50	.25			2.50	2.70		189.27	2.95	500.00
Deep Creek	175.00	150.80		21.30	1.44					11.65	17.00	89.30	457.81	31.30	3000.00
Ebenezer	200.00	10.00	40.00	1.40	12.00		20.00		.50	.50	6.00		380.50	4.25	700.00
Elizabeth, M.	250.00	76.48	100.00	6.25	37.78	.50	10.50	.50	.50	.50	1.50	69.26	550.77	8.25	2700.00
Elizabeth, P. D.				3.65											
Flint Ridge	95.00	2.00		6.95	5.11	1.00	7.60	6.05		4.60	15.00	6.41	142.77	16.95	1000.00
Friendship															
Long Pine	40.50	.50	97.05	2.25	2.62		.40	2.30		2.61	6.05		154.28	7.45	10.00
Madison Grove	85.00	21.50	11.20	4.10	1.50	1.00	.50	.50	1.00	1.14	8.80	13.36	149.60	11.90	25.00
Meltonsville	200.00		2.16	23.35	26.37		3.75			2.00	12.75	63.35	343.73	30.10	1200.00
McLain Grove	108.43	15.00	80.00	2.75	3.75			2.00		.60	2.75		215.08	6.00	600.00
Mt. Zion	100.00		32.94	2.25	2.00	2.00		.25	.25	.25	7.25	9.62	158.69	6.55	700.00
New Zion	114.50	.60		3.25	2.00	1.00	.50	14.23		3.65	9.10		148.86	10.30	700.00
New Grove	100.00	6.00	2.50	5.00	1.75	2.00	1.23	.25	.25	.25	.800	2.00	127.48	14.25	842.50
Nicy Grove	120.00	4.96	2.54	5.40	11.22			10.00		4.00	10.50	81.72	250.34	12.40	1500.00
Olive Branch	30.00			.95	2.10					.50	.36		33.91	1.81	300.00
Parsons Grove	218.00	299.65		20.00	10.75		.50	.50		3.60	5.50		565.50	21.00	3500.00

FINANCIAL TABLE—Continued.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Incidental Expenses	Building and Repairs	Representin Fee	Poor	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Ministerial Education	Aged Ministers	Local Education	Other Objects	Contribution and Expenses	Amount Sent	Value of Church Property
Pleasant Hill	50.00	5.00		1.55	1.05	1.00	.50	.50	1.00	.50	2.50	1.00	64.60	1.55	300.00
Polar Hill	100.00	2.55		4.35	2.50	.50	.50	5.29	.25		4.00		119.94	6.35	250.00
Poplar Springs	125.00	47.30	30.00	8.70	11.93	.50	4.54				7.00		229.97	13.10	500.00
Ramah Grove	122.50	5.00	15.00	8.50	5.00		.50	1.00		.25	8.50		166.75	13.50	1000.00
Rockford, E.	150.00		118.95	8.60	5.00			.50		1.00	11.57		295.62	12.10	1750.00
Rockford, W.	110.00		165.33	9.45	581.	.70	.25	.37		.50	9.10	5.21	307.77	15.52	1500.00
Sandy Ridge				5.95	2.00	1.00	1.00	37.66	1.00	1.00	12.60	14.81	77.02	17.55	2000.00
St. Paul															
Shankle Grove	150.00	5.00	30.00	2.75	2.00		1.50	1.00		.50	2.50	1.00	197.05	2.75	800.00
Saron	100.00	8.00	32.54	3.40	6.73						6.50	3.00	160.17	7.40	100.00
Timmonsville	115.00	18.33		5.90	.98	.50	.50	.25		.25	4.00		139.23	7.90	800.00
White Oax	125.00	10.00		4.65	3.00	2.00		.50		1.00	3.25		147.65		

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES, PASTORS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES FOR 1914.	Sabbath of Preaching	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	By Experience	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Gained	Lost	Males	Females	Total	Superannuates	Ordained Ministers	Licens'd Preachers
Bethel—W. H. Horne, Route —, Morven, N. C.	2	5		2					23		15	25	40	2		
Brown Creek—J. E. P. Little, Wadesboro, N. C.	3	5			1		3	3			54	91	145	6	1	2
Cedar Creek—B. J. Parsons, Lilesville, N. C.	1	2			1		2		1		19	24	43			
Chilson Grove—W. P. Perkins, Monroe, N. C.	4	3					1		2		17	18	35			
Deep Creek—H. I. Quick, Rockingham, N. C.	2	30	3		1	6	6	4	18		164	278	451	25	5	1
Ebenezer—J. R. Faison, Wadesboro, N. C.	1&2	2	2	5						7		21	28		1	3
Elizabeth, M.	1&3			1		5	5	4		13	32	92	125	9	1	
oe, N. C.	2	7			1	1		1					81		1	1
Flint Ridge	2	5	3		1	3		1	5		50	95	145	6	2	
Friendship																
Long Pine—J. C. Ellerbee, Route 1, Morven, N. C.	3	6	11						17		14	31	45			1
Madison Grove—B. B. Sturdivant, Polkton, N. C.	4	7		1	3		2		8		34	48	82	5		
Meltonsville—J. E. P. Little, Wadesboro, N. C.	4	15	1		5	7	9	4	1		201	266	467	20	5	5
McLain Grove—W. L. Butler, Wadesboro, N. C.	1	7	4		2	1	13	1		2	22	33	55	2		2
Mt. Zion—B. B. Sturdivant, Polkton, N. C	2	4		1	2	2	4		7		17	34	51	1		
New Zion—B. J. Parsons, Lilesville, N. C.	3	6		2	2	1	5	1	1		29	36	65	1		
New Grove—J. E. P. Little, Wadesboro, N. C.	1	4	2		3	2	4	2	1		37	63	100	2	1	2
Nicy Grove—	1	2	2		4		4	3	1		33	75	108	4		
Olive Branch—V. B. R. Bowman, Route 1, Marshville, N. C.	3	1	2		1		2		2		5	14	19			
Parsons Grove—J. J. Hines, Shannon, N. C.	1	24			6		7	2	21		160	256	413		2	1

STATICTICAL TABLE—Continued.

CHURCHES, PASTORS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES FOR 1914.	Sabbath of Preaching	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	By Experience	Restored	Dismissed byLetter	Excluded	Died	Gained	Lost	Males	Females	Total	Superannuates	Ordained Ministers	Licens'd Preachers
Pleasant Hill—J. C. Ellerbee, Route 1, Morven, N. C.	1	9	4		3	1		1	14		14	17	31	1		
Poplar Hill—	3	1	2		2		10	1		8			87	4	1	2
Poplar Spring—J. E. P. Little, adesboro, N. C.	2	7		7	3	2	12	1	2		65	109	178	2	1	
Ramah Grove—B. J. Parsons, Lilesville, N. C.	2	16	2	3	3	2	24	2		2	81	87	168			2
Rockford, E.—H. I. Quick, Rockingham, N. C.	4	2		2		1	2		1		42	130	172	2	2	3
Rockford, W.—J. C. Ellerbee, Route 1, Morven, N. C.	2	5	2					3	4		102	87	189	3		
Sandy Ridge—B. B. Sturdivant, Polkton, N. C.	3	1					2	1		2	54	65	119	4	2	1
St. Paul—																
Saron—W. L. Butler, Wadesboro, N. C.	2	8		1	4		6		7		30	38	68	4		3
Shankle Grove—W. H. Horne	3	5		3	2		1		6		20	35	55		1	2
Timmonsville—B. B. Sturdivant, Polkton, N. C.	1						3	1		3			118			
White Oak—B. J. Parsons, Lilesville, N. C.	4	5	2				2	2	3		40	53	93	5	2	1

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